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c. 1950

Elijah Methodist Church  
Jerusalem community, Poolesville vicinity  
Private

This well-maintained one and a half story cinder block church is the fourth church building to stand on this site. The first was built in the early 1870's soon after the founding of the church. Behind it was the cemetery and a tall two story frame building, which was built to serve as the hall for the local benefit society and as school. This site was truly the center of the black community.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Elijah Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West side of Rt. 109

CITY, TOWN Poolesville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
8

STATE Maryland

COUNTY  
Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Elijah Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Beallsville Road

CITY, TOWN  
Poolesville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: EBP 5  
Folio #: 255

STREET & NUMBER  
Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN  
Rockville

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This one and a half story cinder block church stands on the west side of Beallsville Road. Its roof line is oriented east-west and the east gable end serves as the principal facade. The main block is five bays in depth, and three in length. Buttresses of cinder block support the longer walls. Enclosing the front door is a smaller one story vestibule. To the south is a taller two story bell tower with pyrimidal roof. The windows contain one-over-one panes, which have been glazed in pastel colors.

The interior contains wooden pews, burgundy floor covering, and an attractive pulpit and altar.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1950

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the deed, EBP 5/255, the trustees of this church purchased 1 acre from Edward Hoskinson in 1868. The trustees were John Adams, William Taylor, Peter H. Davis, Bennett Lea, and Charles Dorsey. The tract was lot #7 of Chiswell's Inheritance. A school was also to be built on the land.

At some time in the late 1800s a two story frame building was constructed behind the church as the hall for the Loving Charity Society, a local benefit society. The downstairs of the building served as the school, and is shown in the photograph of 1909, filed with the Poolesville School survey forms, M-17-51-19. That building has since been torn down.

Behind the church is a well-kept cemetery, where many of the founders of the Jerusalem and Jonesville communities are buried. The gravestones contain important information for family histories and should be indexed.

As the enclosed history of the church explains, this is the fourth church building to stand on this site. The first was constructed soon after the founding of the church. the second in 1909, the third in c. 1950, (it burned after its completion). This history of the church also gives the names of the different ministers who have served the congregation for over a century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md. Deed EBP 2/255.

History of the Elijah United Methodist Church, One Hundred and Sixth Anniversary, 1871-1977. Privately printed, 1977.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

7/79

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Elijah Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rte. 109 &amp; Jerusalem Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees of Elijah Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

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This is an early-20th Century, Negro country church, built within the confines of limited financial resources, but nevertheless with a conscious style. The building is a five-bay long, cinderblock structure, with a raised "watertable" type of foundation, and three slim buttresses separating the bays. There is a small vestibule on the east entrance gable, and this is capped with a short bell-tower.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the present building is not of great antiquity, it probably marks the site of an early Negro meeting place, as a "Colored School House" is shown at this location on the map of 1878.

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

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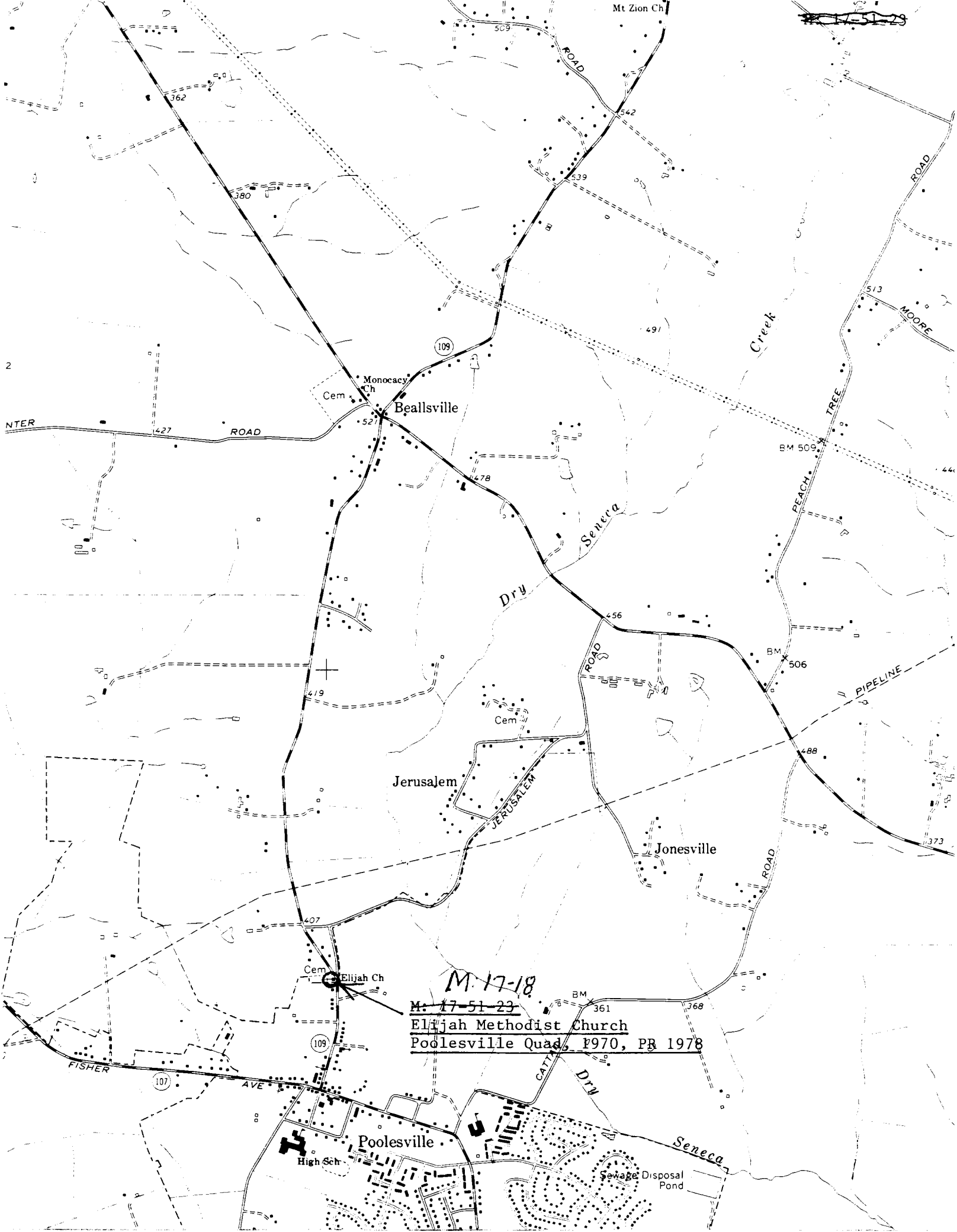
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Elijah Methodist Church

Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

Poolesville



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Elijah Methodist Church  
Poolesville Quad, P970, PB 1978



Elijah Rest United Methodist  
Church

Facade: East M: 17-18  
~~M: 17-21-23~~

Jerusalem

10/78

Gum

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Elijah's Rest M.E. Church

<sup>17-18</sup>  
M - ~~17-51-23~~

N.E. Elevation

Jerusalem community

Poolesville vicinity

Photograph: bwm

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ELIJAH REST

M. E. CHURCH

BUILT

JULY 4 1909



Elijah's Rest Methodist Church  
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Lensden

10/78

G Wm

781025-4#5



Elijah's Rest United Methodist  
Church Cemetery

M: 17-18

~~M-17-51-23~~

Terrestrial

2 Wm

10/78

781025-4 #6



Elijah's Rest Methodist  
M:17-18 church  
~~M-17-51-23~~

View through cemetery: ~~West~~  
East

Jerusalem  
10/78

Gum

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#17-18

NAME ELIJAH CHURCH (NEGRO)  
LOCATION Rt 109 POOLESVILLE, Md  
FACADE N  
PHOTO TAKEN 5/10/74 MOWVER